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FOR AMB LEONARD

FOLLOWING REPEAT MOSCOW 5406 ACTION STATE MAR 22.

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 05406

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PARM, UN, US, UR
SUBJECT: U.S.-USSR CONSULTATIONS ON SSOD

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1. FOR THE REASONS OUTLINED BELOW EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT
THE MOSCOW PORTION OF OUR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE SOVIETS
ON THE SSOD (REFTEL) CAN BEST BE HANDLED BY AMBASSADOR'S
CALLING ON FIRST DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER KORNIYENKO
(PERHAPS WITH IO DIVISION CHIEF ISRAELYAN PRESENT)
RATHER THAN HAVING A SPECIAL VISIT FROM AMBASSADOR
LEONARD - WHICH, IN ANY CASE, IS VERY LATE IN THE GAME
GIVING SOVIET PROPENSITY TO HAVE POSITIONS CLEARED WELL
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IN ADVANCE.

2. FIRST, WITH THE NEW LINEUP IN THE MFA IT IS KORNIYENKO
AND NOT ISRAELYAN WHO WILL BE SETTING SOVIET POLICY FOR
THE SSOD AND KORNIYENKO WILL ATTEND THE SSOD SESSION.
KORNIYENKO AND ISRAELYAN ARE INTERLOCUTORS WITH WHOM
THE EMBASSY, AND AMBASSADOR IN PARTICULAR, HAVE DEALT

WITH REGULARLY AND FREQUENTLY. WITH ADEQUATE INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT, EMBASSY IS FULLY CAPABLE OF PRESENTING THE U.S. POSITION, SOUNDING OUT THE SOVIETS AND RESPONDING TO THEM. ADDITIONALLY, CONSULTATIONS CONDUCTED BY THE EMBASSY WITH THE APPROPRIATE MFA OFFICIALS SHOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO US DURING AND AFTER THE SSOD WHEN WE WILL WANT TO MAINTAIN CONTINUED CONTACT WITH THE SOVIETS ON SSOD ISSUES. THE VALUE OF THE EMBASSY AS A SUBSTANTIVE INTERLOCUTOR WILL BE ENHANCED BY OUR CONDUCTING THESE CONSULTATIONS.

3. THE U.S.-SOVIET CONSULTATIONS IN NEW YORK BETWEEN THE PREPCOM DELEGATIONS WILL, OF COURSE, BE A SIGNIFICANT ELEMENT IN OUR CONSULTATIONS AND WILL GIVE THE U.S. DELEGATION A GOOD IDEA OF THE THINKING OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION MEMBERS, BUT EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT WE ARE IN THE BEST POSITION TO RUN THE PROCEEDINGS HERE.

4. DEPARTMENT'S REACTION IS REQUESTED BEFORE APPROACHING MFA PER THE INSTRUCTIONS IN REFTTEL. TOON UNQUOTE
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